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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): K. OGAWA, et al
Serial No.: 10/073,967
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For: DISPLAY DEVICE (as amended)
Group: 2871
Examiner: M. Ton

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 29, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2004, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

The requirement for restriction to one of the inventions identified as Invention - Claims 1-4 and 14, drawn to particular arrangement/distance of the adjacent terminals, classified in class 439, subclass 55; Invention II - Claim 10, drawn to particular melting-point's relationships, classified in class 349, subclass 152; Invention III - Claim 11, drawn to particular relationship between the beads and the thickness of the insulating film, classified in class 349, subclass 138; and Invention IV - Claims 12-13, drawn to surfaces of the terminals, classified in class 349, sub187; such requirement is traversed, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement are respectfully requested.

The Examiner points out the relationship among Inventions I-IV contending that the inventions are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The Examiner contends that the inventions have separate utility

such as being used in devices such as electrophoretic devices, welding devices, plasma devices, EL devices, for example. Irrespective of this position by the Examiner, applicants note that each of the inventions as represented by the claims thereof recite the feature of a display device, such that the uses proposed by the Examiner do not relate to the claimed features and applicants submit that the Examiner has failed to show distinctness in accordance with the requirements of MPEP §806.05(d). Accordingly, applicants request withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

In order to provide a complete response to the restriction requirement, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Invention I including claims 1-4 and 14.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants request withdrawal of the restriction requirement and favorable action with respect to all claims present in this application.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (501.41142X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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